



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

— *Lee Holloway* —

Chairman of the Board

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**CHAIRMAN HOLLOWAY STATEMENT ON PROPOSED
MIDWEST AIRLINES - AIRTRAN AIRWAYS MERGER**

Chairman will meet with AirTran's CEO Thursday

Milwaukee, WI – The Chairman and CEO of AirTran Airways, Joseph Leonard, has requested a meeting with Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway.

Chairman Holloway has accepted Leonard's offer, and will meet with him Thursday afternoon to discuss how both airlines can benefit Milwaukee County.

"Midwest Airlines is the largest air carrier at Milwaukee County's General Mitchell International Airport," Holloway said. "We provided County-backed financial support to help with Midwest's restructuring in 2003. We have a vested interest in seeing Midwest and/or AirTran continue as a valuable member of our business community. I hope to protect the level of air service we enjoy in Milwaukee County."

Milwaukee County owns and operates General Mitchell International Airport. Frequent travelers agree that Mitchell International is a high quality, efficient operation that outperforms airports in similarly sized cities. This week, Milwaukee County officially re-opened Concourse D after an extensive remodeling and expansion project.

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